

[CHAPTER 72]

AN ACT

To provide for the appointment of an additional Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

February 29, 1944  
 [S. 1140]  
 [Public Law 241]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there shall be in the Department of the Interior an additional Assistant Secretary of the Interior, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and who shall perform such duties in the Department of the Interior as shall be prescribed by the Secretary, or may be required by law. The Assistant Secretaries of the Interior shall be without numerical distinction of rank and shall have salaries of \$9,000 per annum. The additional office provided for by this Act shall cease to exist at the expiration of six months after the cessation of hostilities in the present war as determined by the President by proclamation or by the Congress by concurrent resolution.

Department of the Interior.  
 Appointment of additional Assistant Secretary.

Expiration of office.

Approved February 29, 1944.

[CHAPTER 73]

AN ACT

To liberalize the service pension laws relating to veterans of the War with Spain, the Philippine Insurrection, and the China Relief Expedition, and their dependents.

March 1, 1944  
 [H. R. 2350]  
 [Public Law 242]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That effective the first day of the month following the date of enactment of this Act the \$60 monthly rate of pension payable for total disability to veterans of the War with Spain, the Philippine Insurrection, or the China Relief Expedition under section 1 of the Act of June 2, 1930 (46 Stat. 492; U. S. C., title 38, sec. 365), and the \$60 monthly rate of pension payable to such veterans upon reaching the age of sixty-five years under the provisions of section 1 of the Act of May 24, 1938 (52 Stat. 440; U. S. C., title 38, sec. 370), are hereby increased to \$75.

Pensions to veterans of certain wars.  
 Increase in rates.

SEC. 2. Section 2 of the Act of May 1, 1926 (44 Stat. 382; U. S. C., title 38, sec. 364a), wherein for pension purposes, as to the widow of any deceased veteran of the War with Spain, the Philippine Insurrection, or the China Relief Expedition, the marriage date is defined as September 1, 1922, is hereby amended, effective the first day of the month following the date of enactment of this Act, by striking out the date "September 1, 1922" and inserting in lieu thereof the date "January 1, 1938".

Marriage date limitation.

SEC. 3. The Act of May 1, 1926 (44 Stat. 382-384; U. S. C., title 38, secs. 364-364f), is hereby amended, effective the first day of the month following the date of enactment of this Act, by adding a new section thereto numbered eight, to read as follows:

38 U. S. C., Supp. III, § 364b.

"SEC. 8. The \$30 monthly pension payable to widows and former widows under the provisions of section 2 of this Act, as amended, shall be increased to \$40 per month when the age of sixty-five years is attained, and the widow or former widow who was the wife of the soldier, sailor, or marine during the period of his service, as defined in section 2 of this Act, shall be paid a pension at the rate of \$50 per month."

Widows of veterans.  
 44 Stat. 382.  
 38 U. S. C. § 364a.  
*Supra.*

SEC. 4. The Act of May 1, 1926 (44 Stat. 382-384; U. S. C., title 38, secs. 364-364f), is hereby amended by adding a new section thereto numbered nine, to read as follows:

38 U. S. C., Supp. III, § 364b.

"SEC. 9. No pension or increase in pension shall hereafter be allowed to the widow of a veteran of the War with Spain, the Philippine Insurrection, or the China Relief Expedition, under any law, unless there

Prerequisite.

was continuous cohabitation from the date of marriage to the date of death with the person who served, except where there was a separation which was due to the misconduct of or procured by the person who served, without the fault of the widow: *Provided*, That this section shall not be construed so as to discontinue any pension granted prior to the enactment of this Act."

Approved March 1, 1944.

[CHAPTER 76]

AN ACT

March 1, 1944  
[H. R. 1047]  
[Public Law 243]

For the relief of the State of Oregon, Department of Forestry of the State of Oregon, and certain organized protection agencies in the State of Oregon for protection of unappropriated public-forest lands intermingled with Oregon and California lands from July 1, 1938, to June 30, 1939.

State of Oregon.  
Reimbursement of  
certain protection  
agencies.  
Post, p. 469.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$4,852.54 for reimbursement of the following-named organized protection agencies in the State of Oregon for protection of unappropriated public-forest lands intermingled with Oregon and California lands from July 1, 1938, to June 30, 1939: The State of Oregon, Department of Forestry of the State of Oregon, Clackamas-Marion Counties Forest Protective Association, Coos County Forest Protective Association, Douglas County Forest Protective Association, Eastern Lane County Forest Protective Association, Klamath Forest Protective Association, Linn County Forest Protective Association, Polk County Forest Protective Association, Northwest Oregon Forest Fire Association, Southwest Oregon State Unit, and Western Lane Forest Protective Association.

Approved March 1, 1944.

[CHAPTER 77]

AN ACT

March 2, 1944  
[H. R. 149]  
[Public Law 244]

Dry milk solids.  
Definition and  
standard.  
21 U. S. C. § 301;  
Supp. III, § 331 et seq.

To fix a reasonable definition and standard of identity of certain dry milk solids.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That for the purposes of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act of June 26, 1938 (ch. 675, sec. 1, 52 Stat. 1040), nonfat dry milk solids or defatted milk solids is the product resulting from the removal of fat and water from milk, and contains the lactose, milk proteins, and milk minerals in the same relative proportions as in the fresh milk from which made. It contains not over 5 per centum by weight of moisture. The fat content is not over 1½ per centum by weight unless otherwise indicated.

The term "milk", when used herein, means sweet milk of cows.

Approved March 2, 1944.

[CHAPTER 78]

AN ACT

March 3, 1944  
[H. R. 85]  
[Public Law 245]

Pensions, Indian  
wars.

To amend the Act of March 3, 1927, entitled "An Act granting pensions to certain soldiers who served in the Indian wars from 1817 to 1898, and for other purposes."

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 1 of the Act of March 3, 1927 (U. S. C., title 38, sec. 381; 44 Stat. 1361), is hereby amended to read as follows: